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In re Application of
Seiichi Kawano
Application No. 10/721,207
Filed: November 25, 2003

DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed January 4, 2008, to revive the above-identified application.

This above-identified application became abandoned for failure to timely file a reply to a non-final Office Action mailed April 20, 2007. The non-final Office Action set a three (3) month shortened statutory period for reply. No extensions of time were obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). Accordingly, this application became abandoned on July 21, 2007. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on November 30, 2007.

This petition is hereby GRANTED.

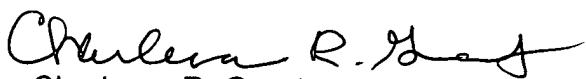
The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of an amendment (2) the petition fee of \$1540.00, and (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay.

It is not apparent whether the person signing the statement of unintentional delay was in a position to have firsthand or direct knowledge of the facts and circumstances of the delay at issue. Nevertheless, such statement is being treated as having been made as the result of a reasonable inquiry into the facts and circumstances of such delay. See 37 CFR 10.18(b). In the event that such an inquiry has not been made, petitioner must make such an inquiry. If such inquiry results in the discovery that it is not correct that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional, petitioner must notify the Office.

There is no indication that the person signing the present petition was ever given a power of attorney or authorization of agent to prosecute the above-identified application. A courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the address given on the petition. However, the Office will mail all future correspondence solely to the address of record.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 2821 for appropriate action by the Examiner in the normal course of business on the reply received

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